

Improving The Rural Service
The following circular letter has been sent by Mr. Billany, under date of February 1, to the postmaster of every office having rural delivery service:

Washington, February 1, 1922.
My Dear Postmaster:

The department is of the opinion that the service on rural routes can be much improved if a greater degree of cooperation on the part of rural patrons can be secured, and that this is possible if the matter be brought

to their attention in the proper way. It is believed that the local press will not only be willing but glad to lend its assistance in engaging the interest of the patrons and enlisting their help, as the newspapers are vitally concerned in a prompt delivery service, and that it will publish such matter without cost as being of public benefit.

Postmasters of the third and fourth classes are requested to endeavor to have their local county papers publish, without incurring expense to

them or to the department, either the following article on one of similar support and purpose:
By direction of the postoffice department, postmasters throughout the country have recently made an inspection of the rural routes from their offices. The purpose was that they might ascertain by personal observation and make report whether the roads used were in good condition for travel, the routes well arranged boxes properly erected, so as to be easily reached by the carriers without difficulty and without obstructing travel, the carriers serving their routes as officially prescribed, the schedule observed, and whether the families served were satisfied with the service rendered, or there were improvements which could be suggested in the interest of the patrons or the department.

It became necessary, in connection with the inspections, to request many patrons to take action to the end that their boxes might conform with the regulations as to kind, condition, location, or height, and in having the name of the owner plainly printed on them. Also, to bring to the attention of road overseers or other responsible persons the need for improvement in roads or repair or construction of culverts or bridges.

It is the desire of the department and its purpose, to provide adequate and convenient service, so far as may be possible, to all persons residing in rural communities, but this end cannot be attained without the full cooperation of the patrons in the efforts of postmasters and carriers to serve them promptly, regularly and satisfactorily.

Dr. Hurbert Work To Succeed Hays in Cabinet
Dr. Hurbert Work, of Colorado, will succeed Will H. Hays, as Postmaster General after March 4, when the latter retires to go into the movies, according to word circulated early this week among Republican political leaders. Dr. Work is now First Assistant Postmaster General.
President Harding is said to have decided upon Dr. Work as a mark of recognition for his services as Hays' assistant. During much of the time that Hays has been absent from Washington, Dr. Work has carried on the work of the Department with its problems.
Republican leaders in close touch with the White House said the selection was not "final", but that unless something unforeseen turns up between now and March 4, Dr. Work's nomination will go to the Senate as soon as the resignation of Hays is received at the White House.—Washington Times.

Whatever facilities the work of the carrier is of direct benefit to the patrons, for the greater the ease and speed with which a carrier may cover his route the earlier and better the service afforded.

So patrons of rural delivery can greatly help themselves by helping their carrier, seeing to it that roads

are kept in good condition and are promptly opened after storms, by keeping the approaches to their boxes clear, and by promptly and willingly correcting any irregularities affecting their boxes when asked to do so.

Another great assistance that patrons can render carriers is by keeping themselves supplied with and using stamps instead of placing unstamped mail, with money for the purchase of the required postage, in the boxes. This delays the carrier and some times imposes a great hardship on him, especially in cold or stormy weather. If preferred, stamped envelopes, either printed or plain, may be obtained from the carrier, are of good quality, and cost but little more than the value of the stamps upon them, and are redeemable at the value of the stamps if damaged, but returned in a practically whole condition. If necessary to place money in a box, it should be put in a coin holding receptacle or be properly wrapped so as to be easily picked up by the carrier.

Money for the purchase of money orders should not be left in the boxes, but should be handed to the carrier and a receipt obtained.

Sincerely yours,
H. H. Billany,
Fourth Asst. P. M. Gen.

Smile
When paths are rocky and skies look back—try a smile. When life's cards seem stacked against you—try a smile. When the winds of chance blow your dreamship against the rocks—try a smile. The world needs more sunshine—the warm, inspiring, human sunshine whose radiance reaches the far corners of the souls of men. Start spreading the contagion of good cheer today. A smile is a splendid tonic. Try a few for "that tired feeling". They will cause the heart to beat with a new vigor, and put the buoyancy of eternal youth into the spirit.

Don't desert the customer the minute he has paid for his purchase.

From Up State
A politician was out after the farm vote one campaign. He was speaking to a body of farmers one night in the opera house.

"I ask you for the farm vote," he said, "because, gentlemen, I am myself a farmer. I can plow, reap, milk, run a tractor, saw, shear sheep—in fact, I'd like you to tell me a single thing about the farm which I cannot do."

There was an impressive silence. Then a quiet voice asked from the balcony:

"Can you lay an egg?"

"It is a great mistake to consider advertising as an index of business, as one would consider bank clearings, railroad earnings or foreign trade. Advertising is far more—it is the creator of business."—Roger Babson.

Do It Now!
Anything that can be done next week or next year can be done now. That is a rule to which there are few exceptions.

When a man says: "I am going to start saving money next year," you can put it down that he will never have a bank account.

When another may says: "Next summer I am going to get out in the country more and take some exercise," you can be sure he will never get out until the doctor scares him half to death.

The time to begin to form a new habit, or to discard an old one, is now. If you can't do it now there is no reason to suppose you will be able to do it a year from now.

A lot of young men who are making \$150 and \$200 a month tell themselves that they will begin saving when they get salaries of \$250 and \$500. They are just whistling pretty tunes.

By the time they get their increased salaries they will be married and will be buying baby carriages, bobs certified milk and paregoric.

Any single man who reads this can take it from a married man that saving money before marriage is child's play compared to the job of nicking the budget for a few dollars each week after the bonds are tied.—The Type Metal.

Hints On Naming a Child

The following article came to our desk in a late issue of the "Guide Post". We comment very favorably on the subject matter and heartily recommend that executives pass this along to the young men and women in their employ.

The proud papa of a brand new male offspring who wants to start the boy off in life in the right way will do well to ponder over naming the youngster.

Fond mamma may want him christened Cecil or Claude or Ethelbert, but as head of the family stand on your rights!—be adamant in your objection to any but a good virile, masculine name.

There's no sense or kindness in handicapping the lad with a sissified cognomen that may really turn him into a sissy.

As a rule, the young mother is horrified with any common name like William or James, or Edward which is likely to be abbreviated to Bill, Jim or Ed. Yet a nickname is a positive asset to any man or boy. It makes a good-fellowship easier—helps to make friends and if he ever reaches a high estate, the fan-lar appellation of such a handle as "Jim" or "Ed" will do much to keep down the tendency towards a swelled head. And there's nothing disrespectful in a nickname. We speak of Abe Lincoln, Jim Hill, Billy Sunday with no lack of honor. Their familiar unassuming names, in fact, give us a warmhearted feeling that is distinctly invigorating.

It's a pretty safe bet to name a boy John or Joe, because that will fit him whether he turns out to be a financier or a factory hand, but don't name him Chauncey because that means he'll have to be a lounge lizard if he's going to live up to the title.

Also don't name him after a rich relative, because it will be a disappointment most likely when the will is read.

BUYS PIG, FINDS TEN IN BATHTUB

New York Man Takes Purchase Home and Next Morning Takes the Count.

New York.—Pigs is pigs. Ellis Parker Butler said they is, and if you don't believe him ask Irwin Moscovitz. He knows.

Mr. Moscovitz for the first time in his life became the proud possessor of a pig in Connecticut, as he was motoring down from Bridgeport to his little gray home in the Bronx.

He was nearing the state line when out from the shadows, into the starlight, stepped a large, eight-octave negro, rawboned and rangy. He raised his hand in a gesture that Mr. Moscovitz interpreted as a signal to stop.

Mr. Moscovitz stopped. Mr. Moscovitz did not particularly want to stop. There were a thousand other things that Mr. Moscovitz would



Mr. Moscovitz Took the Count.

heavily have loved to do at the time, but he stopped. It seemed the thing to do.

"Boss," said the negro, flashing a set of teeth that could have bitten the anchor off the steamship Paris. "Boss does you all want to purchase a pig?"

"How much?" asked Mr. Moscovitz. "Ah! I permit you all to have this pig for the sum of two and a half simoleons, Boss," replied the stranger. Two minutes later Mr. Moscovitz was on his way again with the pig snuggled up in a corner of the tonneau.

On reaching the Bronx Mr. Moscovitz eased his car into the garage and with the pig under his arm wended his way to his apartment where he placed the pig in the bathtub and then went to bed and forgot all about it.

Next morning, as has been her custom for years, Mrs. Moscovitz awoke from slumber. She got up and then stood in the middle of the floor in the attitude of one who listens and endeavors to identify a sound that smites the tympanum and registers double blank on the brain.

Well, to make a long story short, Mrs. Moscovitz went to the bathroom and found that Mr. Moscovitz's pig had repaid his kindness by having pups—or whatever they call little pigs. There were nine of them.

Mrs. Moscovitz awoke Mr. Moscovitz and told him what had happened. Mr. Moscovitz took the count.

Burns Schoolhouse for Pint of Drink

Charleston, W. Va.—Clifford Smith of Kimberley, near here, according to his confession, burned a schoolhouse at Kimberley in consideration of a pint of moonshine whiskey. It was said by State Fire Marshal C. L. Topping. He implicated Richard Miner in his confession. Miner approached Smith, the latter said, and told him a teacher in the school turned over a barrel of corn mash belonging to him. He offered Smith a pint of whiskey to burn the building and the offer was accepted.

IS ARRESTED FOR OWN GOOD

Accused by Former Sweetheart to Keep Him From Evil Companions, She Said at Marriage.

New York.—Miss Belle Plites of this city has become the bride of John Thomas of Garretts, N. J., after she testified against him and had him sent to prison "to keep him from evil companions."

At the trial, Miss Plites testified that she heard Thomas and others planning a highway robbery. Thomas was arrested, convicted and sentenced to prison.

"I am willing to follow him to the electric chair, if it is necessary," she said in pleading for his release. "I had been his sweetheart for a long time and could not bear to see him with bad persons."

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Commencing at 10:00 o'clock sharp

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- 1 Durham Cow, 5 yrs. old
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- 1 O. K. Potato Digger
- 1 Grind Stone
- 100 ft. 1 in. Rope
- 1 Gas Engine, 1 3-4 h. p.
- 1 De Laval Cream Separator No. 12
- 1 Double Work Harness
- 1 Double Driving Harness
- 1 Single Driving Harness
- 1 Large Kettle
- 1 Pump Jack
- 1 Stone Boat
- 1 50-Gal. Oil Tank
- 50 Chickens

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